

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

This listing of claims provided below will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-55 (Canceled).

56. (Currently Amended) A method of ~~combating~~ treating a viral infection in a subject in need of such treatment comprising administering to said subject an effective infection-combating amount of a compound of 3'-azido-3'-deoxy-5'-(3-dodecanamido-2-decyloxypropyl)-phosphothymidine, or a pharmaceutical salt thereof, wherein the viral infection comprises a virus selected from the group consisting of HIV-1, ~~HBV~~, herpes virus, influenza, respiratory syncytial virus, mumps, measles, and parainfluenza virus, ~~the method comprising administering to said subject an effective infection-combating amount of a compound of 3' azido 3' deoxy 5' (3 dodecanamido 2 decyloxypropyl)-phosphothymidine, or a pharmaceutical salt thereof.~~

Claims 57-68 (Canceled).

69. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method according to claim 56, wherein said viral infection is caused by HIV-1 virus.

70. (Canceled).

71. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method according to claim 56, wherein said viral infection is caused by herpes simplex virus.

Claims 72-106 (Canceled).

107. (Currently Amended) A method of ~~combating~~ treating a viral infection in a subject in need of such treatment comprising administering to said subject an effective infection-combating amount of a compound of 3'-azido-3'-deoxy-5'-(3-dodecyloxy-2-

decyloxypropyl)-phosphothymidine or a pharmaceutical salt thereof, wherein the viral infection comprises a virus selected from the group consisting of HIV-1, ~~HBV~~, herpes virus, influenza, respiratory syncytial virus, mumps, measles, and parainfluenza virus, ~~the method comprising administering to said subject an effective infection combating amount of a compound of 3'-azido-3'-deoxy-5'-(dodecyloxy-2-decyloxypropyl)-phosphothymidine or a pharmaceutical salt thereof.~~

Claims 108-109 (Canceled).

110. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 107, wherein said viral infection is caused by HIV-1 virus.

111. (Canceled).

112. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 107, wherein said viral infection is caused by herpes simplex virus.

Please add the following new claims:

--113. (New) The method according to claim 56, wherein said subject is a human.

114. (New) The method according to claim 56, wherein said administration is oral.

115. (New) The method according to claim 56, wherein said administration is rectal.

116. (New) The method according to claim 56, wherein said administration is topical.

117. (New) The method according to claim 56, wherein said administration is intrathecal.

118. (New) The method according to claim 56, wherein said administration is buccal.

119. (New) The method according to claim 56, wherein said administration is parenteral.

120. (New) The method according to claim 56, wherein said compound is administered in an amount of at least about 0.1 ng/kg to about 1 ng/kg,

121. (New) The method according to claim 56, wherein said compound is administered in an amount of at least about 0.001 µg/kg to about 0.1 g/kg.

122. (New) The method according to claim 107, wherein said subject is a human.

123. (New) The method according to claim 107, wherein said administration is oral.

124. (New) The method according to claim 107, wherein said administration is rectal.

125. (New) The method according to claim 107, wherein said administration is topical.

126. (New) The method according to claim 107, wherein said administration is intrathecal.

127. (New) The method according to claim 107, wherein said administration is buccal.

128. (New) The method according to claim 107, wherein said administration is parenteral.

129. (New) The method according to claim 107, wherein said compound is administered in an amount of at least about 0.1 ng/kg to about 1 ng/kg,

130. (New) The method according to claim 107, wherein said compound is administered in an amount of at least about 0.001 μ g/kg to about 0.1 g/kg.--